

I have mixed feelings about proposal RM-10868 by the Radio Amateur Foundation (RAF). I approve of the proposal to create new questions for the amateur radio license exams and keep them out of the public domain. The current system of drawing from a published question bank encourages memorization of answers rather than learning the material. I also approve of a waiting period before retesting.

I am less enthusiastic about introducing no-code HF phone privileges, but this proposal is better than ARRL proposal RM-10867. Other parts of the proposal, such as a waiting period for vanity calls and digital experimentation at 29 MHz, I feel neutral about.